Maundy Thursday Service

Welcome to our Maundy Thursday service! The liturgy will be in five parts: The Meal, The Washing, The Eucharist, The Garden of Gethsemane, and The Night Watch.

The Meal (6 pm)

We will gather for the meal with chanting and thanksgiving over the food. During the meal, we will visit with one another and discuss our guiding scripture for this evening. At the end of the meal, we will offer prayers of intercession.

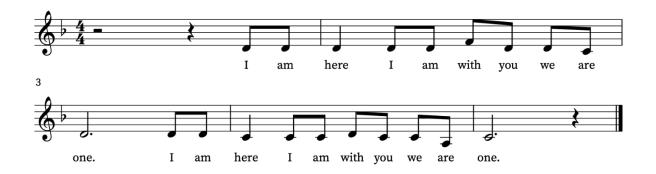
The chants we will use for response to the intercessions are below:



Kyrie eleison

After the prayers, we will process up to the sanctuary while chanting:

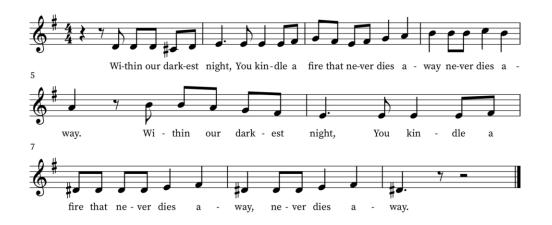
I am here, I am with you, we are one.



The Washing (The 7 pm Liturgy in the sanctuary begins here)

As you come into the candle-lit sanctuary, please take a seat. After hearing a reading of scripture, you will be invited to come forward and have your feet washed. Two stations will be available for people who wish to have their feet washed and wash another's feet. One station will be available for those who prefer to have their feet washed by one of our clergy. During this time, we will sing chants.

Chants during Foot-Washing

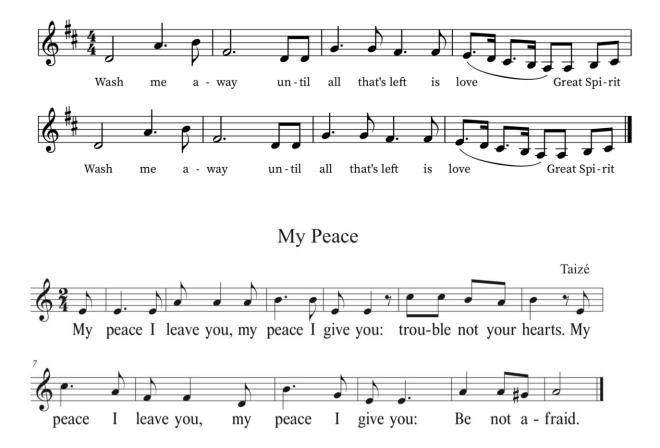


Within our darkest night, You kindle a fire

Leave all things that you have



Wash Me Away



After the foot-washing is done, we will say the following litany:

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

The Eucharist

While the Eucharist is being prepared, we will sing Hymn 158, verses 1-5.



Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: Herzliebster Jesu, Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

We are invited to gather around the Altar for the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Garden of Gethsemane

When the Eucharist is finished, we will hear two scripture readings about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, interspersed with chants. Then, the Altar will be stripped in silence.

The Night Watch

Following the stripping of the altar, anyone is welcome to stay in the sanctuary for any length of time in a spirit of prayer and silence to remember Jesus' agony in the Garden. People are invited to pray as they can during the time. You may leave at any time after the last chant, or stay for silence, or stay for Night Watch or part of Night Watch.

No one takes this life from me



Final Chant

Stay here and keep watch with me

